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TO meetings

Chief, PPC-DD/P

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Director of Training

PPC Representation at Weekly Training Officers' Meeting

REFERENCE: Your memo dated 12 August 1954, same subject

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1. If [REDACTED] were attending the Weekly Training Officers' Meetings in the capacity of a Training Officer, concerned specifically with the problems of making training arrangements for members of the PPC Staff, we agree that this function might as well be served for PPC by the members of the Committee.

2. We are, however, deeply concerned to focus the attention of the DD/P on manpower and training planning. It is our feeling, expressed in our recent paper on "Training for NSC 5412," that planning for manpower (and, therefore, training) requirements is the real point of departure for all planning. OTR's own greatest problem is precisely the inability of the Clandestine Services up to now to draw up and execute realistic manpower plans which are the indispensable basis for all future planning by OTR. In one form or another this problem, and the difficulties which flow from it, are matters for constant discussion and negotiation between OTR and the Clandestine Services Training Committee. At the meeting of 12 August, for example, "The Role of OTR in Wartime" was on the agenda, but it was stated by several people that the absence of a representative of PPC made a discussion of the subject rather pointless.

3. We should therefore be very glad to have [REDACTED] continue to attend the meetings, and in general very much hope that OTR and PPC will draw steadily closer together to arrive at a solution of our greatest problem.

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